

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over McClendon. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Claim 13 recites "determining the optimum common clock speed based on module thermal states, self-test clock speeds, power state and cooling system repair status." McClendon does not teach or suggest these features. In McClendon, the decision to alter the clock speed is based on the temperature of the device, but there is no teaching of the other factors recited in claim 13. Thus, McClendon fails to obviate claim 13.

For at least the above reasons, claim 13 is patentable over McClendon.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

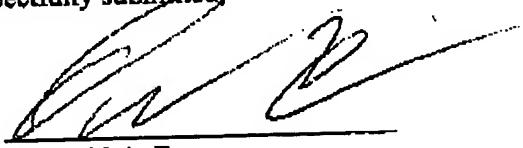
In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the presently submitted response, applicants' attorney respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss

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any matters in need of attention. If there are any associated or additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0463 maintained by the Applicants' Assignees.

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